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1. AS STATED REFTEL, EMBASSY HEREWITH FURNISHES SOME TOPICS TO BE REPORTED ON, ACCORDING TO PRESENT PLANS, DURING THE COMING YEAR.
2. POLITICAL TOPICS, LISTED IN POLITICAL COUNSELOR PAUL CANNEY'S LETTER TO EUR/NE DEPUTY DIRECTOR RONALD WOODS OF MARCH 20, ARE:
 - (1) SWEDISH POLITICAL PARTIES--ONE YEAR BEFORE ELECTIONS.
 - (2) SWEDISH NEUTRALITY -- IS IT IMMUTABLE?
 - (3) ASSESSING SWEDISH REACTIONS TO POSSIBLE SHIFTS IN THE NORDIC BALANCE.
 - (4) DEFINING SWEDEN'S THIRD WORLD POLICY -- IS IT REALLY A "BRIDGE"?
 - (5) SWEDEN'S ROLE, BEHAVIOR, AND INFLUENCE IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.
 - (6) SWEDISH YOUTH--IT'S ORGANIZATIONS AND POLITICAL ORIENTATIONS.
 - (7) CAN SWEDEN AFFORD A CREDIBLE DEFENSE? WILL IT OPT

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FOR GUNS OR BUTTER?

3. ECONOMIC TOPICS, IN ADDITION TO REGULAR CERP SCHEDULE ARE (ON TIME-AVAILABLE BASIS)
 - (1) THE SWEDISH TAX SYSTEM, ITS REAL BURDENS AND VIRTUES.
 - (2) SOCIAL WELFARE SYSTEM IN SWEDEN AND ITS EFFECTS (IN AN ECONOMIC CONTEXT).

(3) CURRENT INDUSTRIAL POLICY IN SWEDEN.
(4) ARE SWEDEN'S BILATERAL ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS
BENEFICIAL?
(5) SWEDISH/EAST BLOC TRADE AND FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIPS,
A GUIDE FOR US BUSINESS?
(6) SWEDISH CAPITAL MOVEMENT RESERVATIONS: ARE
THEY EFFECTIVE, SHOULD THEY BE ABOLISHED?

4. LABOR TOPICS:

A. INTERNATIONAL:

(1) THE NORDIC LABOR CONFEDERATION (HEADQUARTERED IN
STOCKHOLM). HOW DOES IT WORK? WHAT IMPACT DOES IT HAVE?
(2) SWEDISH TRADE UNION ASSISTANCE TO THE THIRD WORLD.

HOW IS IT FINANCED? WHAT IS ITS FOCUS? HOW IS
IT IMPLEMENTED?

B. DOMESTIC:

SWEDISH WAGE EARNER FUND PROPOSALS. TO BE PREPARED
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ECONOMIC SECTION.

5. IF THERE ARE ADDITIONAL TOPICS DEPARTMENT WISHES
TO SUGGEST, OR IF SOME OF THESE APPEAR UNNECESSARY, WE SHOULD
APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS.

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